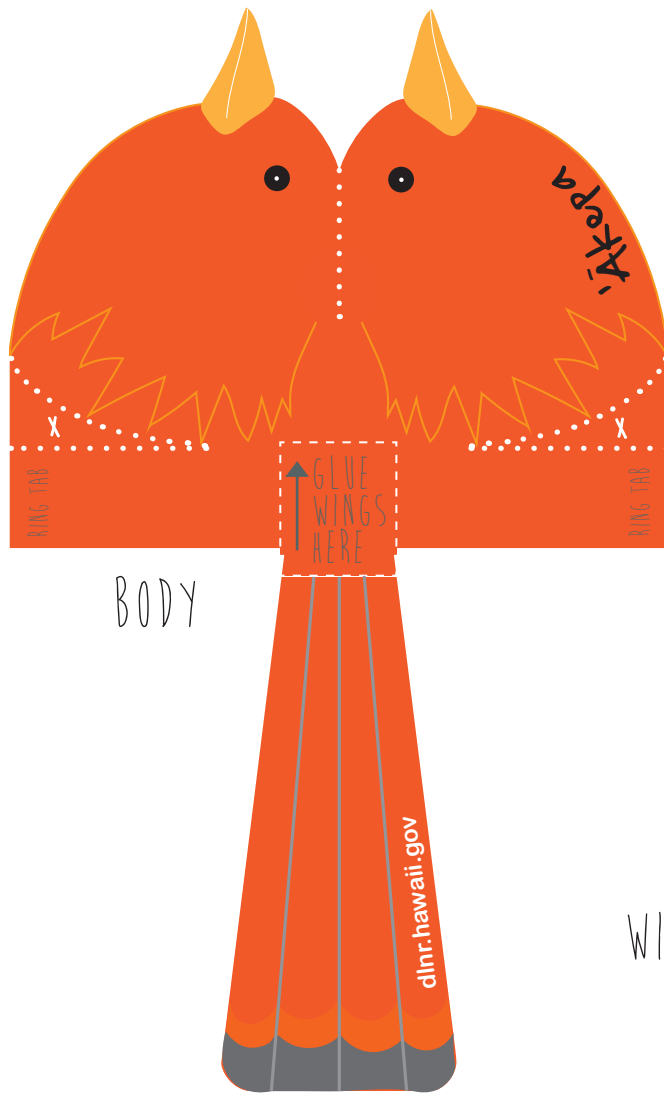
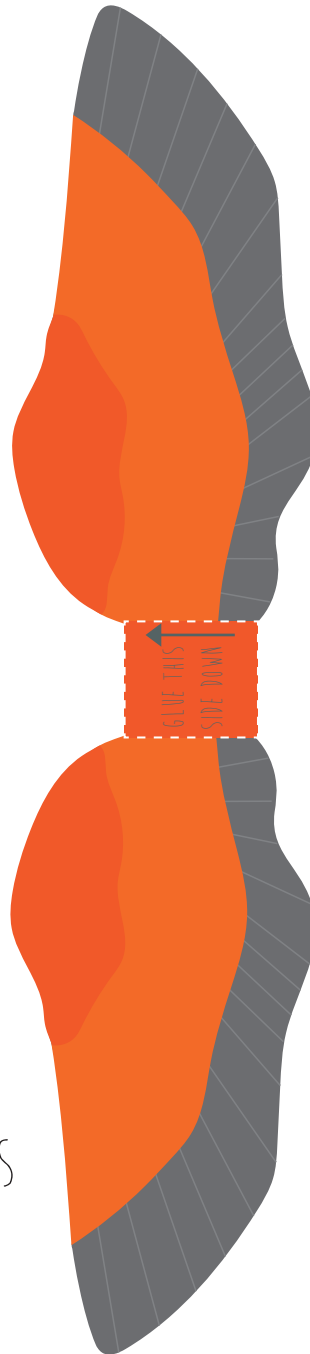


# 'ĀKEPA FINGER PUPPET



WINGS



## ALL ABOUT 'ĀKEPA

### SING A LITTLE SONG

'Akepa's call is a soft **'TEEDLE-EE.'** Its song starts out loud and becomes softer as it sings **"cheedle-eele-eele."**

### WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

'Akepa have an unusual **CROSSED-BILL**! When closed the upper bill slightly overlaps the lower bill tip to one side. The Akepa uses its bill to pry open leaf buds and pull out small insects, spiders, and even **CATERpillars**. 'Akepa also sip nectar from 'Ōhi'a blossoms.

### HOME IS WHERE THE FOREST IS

'Akepa live in high elevation koa and 'ōhi'a forest on the Island of Hawai'i. The 'akepa nest in the natural cavities in the trunks and branches of old trees. With the disappearance of our native forests, the 'akepa is also disappearing. The 'akepa is one of the smallest Hawaiian birds weighing only 10 grams!

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CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES (WOW YOUR FRIENDS WITH HOW MUCH YOU KNOW!)

## 'ĀKEPA FINGER PUPPET DIRECTIONS

1. Print double-sided on cardstock. Cut out the body and wings. DO NOT cut off the orange tabs (square) between wings and on the body.
2. Cut along white dotted lines behind the head of the bird to remove the piece with the white "X." Experienced scissors users can cut the orange area between the curved white dotted line and the zig zag pattern of the bird's head for a more detailed puppet.
3. Fold along white dotted line between the eyes while matching up both sides of the beak. Glue beak together using a glue stick. Glue (staple, or tape) the bottom edge of the head (neck area) to keep sides together. Be sure to just fasten the edge as your finger will need to fit in the opening between the two pieces once the puppet is complete.
4. Fold wings up on dotted lines and glue to the body matching up the orange tab between the wings with the orange tab on the body. Be sure to match up the arrows so they are facing the same direction.
5. Bend ring tabs down to form a ring that fits your finger. Tape overlapping tabs together.



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